



**WV Watershed Network Meeting**  
**April 19, 2000**  
**Elkins Operation Center**  
**Elkins, WV**

**Attendees:**

James Warren, WVDOF

*WVWN 2000 Chairman*

Gary Berti, CVI

Jennifer Pauer, Stream Partners Program

Alvan Gale, WV DEP

Rick Proctor, RCAP

Dave Clark, RCAP

Nathan Fetty, WV Rivers Coalition

Francis Albright, NP Watershed Council

Pamela Russell, NPS RMTC

Charles Riling, WVDOH

Chris Daugherty, Watershed Management

Ronald Evaldi, US Geological Survey

Hugh Bevans, USGS

Danny Evans, WVSCA

Barry Edgerton, US Forest Service

Rick Buckley, OSM

Teresa Byler, WVSCA

George Mayhew, WV DEP

Carolyn Hefner, WVSCA

Randolph Ramsey, WVSCA

Theodora Plumley, WV DNR

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Training:** *reported by Alvan Gale, WAD Chair*

The WVWN WAD training Subcommittee met on March 21, 2000. The committee tentatively set 2 trainings, in Morgantown and Lewisburg. The training in Morgantown is the *Monongahela Watershed Atlas Development* to be held on June 3, 2000 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Monongahela Soil Conservation District at 201 Scott Avenue. The purpose of this training is to receive information for the development of a Monongahela atlas based on the Allegheny Watershed Atlas. The Watershed Atlas is an Internet site that blends science, history and current events, to teach important and entertaining lessons about watersheds. Anyone interested in helping with this training is welcome to come and join the WAD committee.

The date for the Lewisburg training will be set for late summer. This training will cover the WV Watersafe Program, Recreation, Forestry and The TEAM monitoring program.

Trap Hill and other groups have requested a grant writing training. WAD will look into this at their next subcommittee meeting.

TEAM - Emily Grafton did a TEAM with Kelly's Creek and Jennifer Pauer has received a request for TEAM.

**Newsletter:** *reported by Nathan Fetty, Newsletter Subcommittee Chair*

Surveys were sent out to the Watershed Network, Watershed groups and agencies requesting information about their agencies / watershed group and feedback on the WaterNet. These surveys are being compiled and the results will be available at the next

meeting. The newsletter committee is still seeking possible grant funding, and looking for avenues to reduce the cost of WaterNet. Anyone who has an article for the WaterNet should go ahead and submit it to [nfetty@neumedia.net](mailto:nfetty@neumedia.net) The next edition will hopefully be sent out in August.

### **Water Celebration Day:** *reported by Jennifer Pauer*

Water Celebration Day has been set for November 4, 2000 at Stonewall Jackson Lake, Weston, WV. The Water Celebration Day subcommittee met on Feb. 28, 2000 and took the following actions:

#### **Criteria**

##### *Overall Award Criteria*

1. Eligible Projects are from July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000
2. A watershed can not win the same award in consecutive years
3. 150 word limit per nomination
4. WSA's limited to three nominations per watershed/ excluding Guiding Light

#### **Judging/Voting**

##### *Judging*

September 6<sup>th</sup>. Outreach Team  
Each category will be posted on the wall  
Nominees will be listed for each category  
Nominations will be read and discussed  
Voting will be done with dots  
Top three nominees from each category will be selected  
Criteria  
Nominations will be judged on one or more of the following criteria (category dependant).

- Innovative
- Sustainability
- Quality
- Quantity
- Effect/Outreach
- Science-based
- Applicability outside of the watershed

##### *Voting*

Top three nominees will be sent out with ballots to the Watershed list and the Network list

Outreach Team will break any ties.

Eligible voters:

Watershed associations can vote for themselves or another. One vote per watershed

WV Watershed Network Members

Time line

September 1 Nominations closed

September 6 Outreach Team Meets to pick top three nominees

September 11 Nomination and ballots mailed

October 13 Deadline for voting

October 16 Votes tallied

#### **Award Description/Plaque Changes**

*Watershed of the Year* – To the Watershed Association who has best exemplified outstanding efforts within their watershed.

*Water Quality* – To the Watershed Association who has best exemplified the use of water quality monitoring as a tool.

*Outreach and Education* – To the Watershed Association who has best created watershed awareness and changed attitudes.

*Stream Partners* – To the Watershed Association who has best exemplified

partnership building to achieve their goals.

*Agriculture* – To the Watershed Association who has best implemented agricultural land use practices within their watershed.

*Flood Mitigation* – To the Watershed Association who has best work toward sustainable solutions to alleviate the effects of flooding.

### **Awards**

All first place winners will get the Stanley Cup and a plaque to keep. Runners up will receive a framed certificate (we will look for sponsors for frames).

### **Sponsors**

Brainstormed list to take to the Network to ask for more ideas or volunteers to make contacts.

Corporate \$:  
Georgia Pacific  
American Electric Power  
Warehauser  
CSX  
Go Mart  
Sheetz

Crandall Pyles and Haviland – Jen  
Pizza Hut

Grants:

River Network – grant  
Society for Soil and Water Conservation – Teresa

EPA/Government

Needs:

Plaques  
Food  
Table rental  
Paper goods  
Decorations  
Invitations  
Drinks  
Door prizes  
Helium  
BB gun  
Game prizes

### **Nomination Form**

Was developed

### **Future Agenda Items**

Registration form  
Ballot  
Invitations to Nominees  
Sponsor contact  
Program

**MOU:** *reported by Gary Berti*

The following MOU for the WV Watershed Network was presented in draft to the WVWN members. If anyone has any comments they would like to make on this MOU please send them to Gary Berti no later than May 31, 2000. Gary can be reached at Canaan Valley Institute P.O. Box 673 Davis WV 26230 (304) 866-4739 or gberti@mail.canaanvi.org

### **West Virginia Watershed Network**

**Whereas;** The West Virginia Watershed Network is an affiliation of State and Federal Agencies and Private Organizations with the common interest in the well being of West Virginia's Watersheds, And

**Whereas;** Each agency and organization has specific areas of expertise through which the entity uses to implement watershed protection and enhancement of watersheds within their purview, And

**Whereas;** The composite knowledge of the members is much greater than the individual knowledge of any single member,

**Therefore;** The undersigned hereby agree to coordinate and cooperate on common initiatives to maximize the benefit of all the effort put forth in watershed management and science. Specific efforts to maximize the benefits to watershed protection and enhancement are to:

- Foster professional development through information exchange and shared training programs
- Share technology and technical expertise and promote technology transfer between members
- Cooperate in the development and dissemination of common data and mapping resources
- Increase public awareness of the effects of human interaction within watersheds
- Support all efforts to protect and enhance West Virginia's watershed resources
- Assist citizens by directing their requests to the appropriate office of the appropriate agency
- Create and promote innovation and problem solving on watershed issues
- Promote and produce an annual awards event, called the Watershed Celebration Day, honoring locally led watershed associations who have shown commitment to improving their own watersheds

We, the undersigned, support the efforts of the West Virginia Watershed Network in spirit and intent of this cooperative, non-binding agreement.

**Watershed Framework:** *reported by Chris Daughtery*

During the next several months, The WV Watershed Framework is writing management strategies to determine some solutions to the water quality problems and concerns within the following targeted sub watersheds; Blue Creek of the Elk, Little Sandy of the Elk, Pecks Run of the Buckhannon, Fink Run and Upper Buckhannon.

**Stream Partners:** *reported by Jennifer Pauer*

Grants- The review team will meet week to review all Stream Partners grant applications received from Watersheds. A total of 35 applications were received this year.

Legislative Rule - An emergency rule was submitted to the Senate and is now in effect that states that no more than 20% can be spent on salaries from Stream Partners grants.

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program:** *reported by Teresa Byler*

This program will provide incentives to landowners to remove environmentally sensitive and highly erodible lands from agriculture production. WV's focus will be on riparian area development. The program is jointly administered by USDA and the State

and must be in watersheds of national and state significance. WV will be focusing on the Potomac, New and Ohio River drainages. An interagency committee of WV DEP, WVSCA, WV Division of Forestry, WV DNR, USDA NRCS and FSA is currently in the process of developing a proposal for the Governor to submit to USDA. For more information contact Teresa Byler at 304-558-2204.

**Statewide Watershed Association:** *reported by Francis Albright*

A couple of meetings have been held to try to form a statewide Watershed Association, but only 7 groups were in attendance and Mr. Albright was speaking to the WVWN to determine if WVWN felt a need for a statewide association. The group felt this was a necessary endeavor, as the network is mainly government agencies and would be unable to be an advocate to get bills changed or passed in the legislature whereas watershed associations could do this. It was suggested to Mr. Albright to format this group through the Internet, or to form a statewide council consisting of representatives from each region to come together and report back to their watershed groups in that region. The WVWN cannot advocate this group but members can encourage watershed groups to become members of a statewide Watershed Association. Dave Clark with the WV RCAP is doing solid waste work with watershed groups. He will contact his director and check to see if he could possibly help advocate the statewide Watershed Association.

**WV Tire Disposal:** *reported by George Mayhew*

George Mayhew is working with 9 southern counties on the disposal of their used tires. Groups can take their tires to a trailer provided by a state contract for disposal. Any group interested in this program can contact George Mayhew, DEP PO Box 526 Delbarton, WV 25670 (304) 426-4504 or gmayu@wizardsinc.net

**Acid Mine Remediation Program Grant Monies:** *reported by Rick Buckley*

Any Watershed group interested in applying for Acid Mine Remediation Program Grant Monies can download the OSM application at [www.osmre.gov](http://www.osmre.gov). The deadline for applications is June 1.

The next meeting of the WVWN will be held on July 19 in New Martinsville if anyone has agenda items for this meeting, contact James Warren WV Division of Forestry at 304-558-2788 or [jwarren@gwmail.state.wv.us](mailto:jwarren@gwmail.state.wv.us).

Submitted by Pamela L Russell, WVSCA